Programme producing centres at Jorhat, Assam

1196. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have taken a decision for enhancing the number of programme producing centres of Doordarshan from 18 to 48 by 1990; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a programme producing centre at Jorhat in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) On implementation of all the schemes included in the Seventh Plan of Doordarshan, the number of TV programme production centres will go up from the existing 18 to 48.

(b) No, Sir.

Non-plan funds for improvement of Guwahati

1197. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for special non-plan funds for the improvement of cities;

(b) if so, what is the total number of cities receiving such funds;

(c) whether Government propose to allocate such special non-plan funds for the improvement of Guwahati; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) There is no scheme for providing non-Plan Central assistance for urban development projects in the States. Funds for urban development are provided in State Plans. Besides Central Plan assistance is also provided under the two Centrally sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns and Urban Basic Services. Efforts are also made to obtain external assistance for appropriate specific projects. However, considering that Bombay has acute problems of housing and slums that cannot be effectively tackled through normal sector programmes, it has been decided to provide Non-Plan assistance of Rs. 100 crores to Government of Maharashtra for the purpose. There is no proposal at present to extend such Non-Plan assistance to other cities.

Development works in sector XVI of Rohini complex, New Delhi

1198. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 510 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the development works in Sector XVI of the Rohini Complex, New Delhi have since been completed;

(b) if so, by when the allottees are likely to be handed over possession of the plots in the said Complex; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Development works in the Sector have not yet been cmpleted.

(b) The allotment to the allottees will be made after the completion of the development works for which no time-limit can be indicated at this stage.

(c) The reasons are:—

(i) Sharing of cost of services between DDA and MCD is yet to be finalised. The work of trunk services

has been entrusted to MCD. It may take at least two years for completion after the work is started by them.

(ii) The underground water is brackish. There is shortage of drinking water on account of which further development of the area has been held up.

(iii) The outfall of storm water drains is to be connected with the supplementary drain which is still under construction by Flood Control Department (Delhi Adminisration).

(iv) Electricity is yet to be provided by DESU.

1199. [*Transferred to the 11th May, 1988*].

Expansion of AIR and Doordarshan

1200. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Radio and Doordarshan are planning to embark on a big expansion and modernisation programme during 1988-89; and

(b) if so, in what way this programme is likely to benefit the State of Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. A large number of AIR and Doordarshan projects included in the VII Plan for implementation in the State of Madhya Pradesh are expected to be completed during the current financial year, i.e., 1988-89.

(b) *ALL INDIA RADIO*

The 7th Five Year Plan of AIR includes schemes for setting up 10 new radio stations in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Besides, upgradation of power of the 1 KW MW transmitter and 10 KW SW transmitter at Bhopal to 10 KW. MW and 50 KW SW respectively, upgradation of power of 20 KW MW transmitter at Jabalpur to 200 KW and replacement of 1 KW MW transmitters at Bhopal and Indore by 3 KW FM transmitters has also been proposed during the seventh plan period. Out of the 10 new radio stations, 8 stations are envisaged to be ready for commissioning during 1988-89. Upgradation of transmitter power at Jabalpur and replacement of transmitters at Indore and Bhopal are also envisaged to be completed during 1988-89. With the commissioning of these schemes radio coverage in Madhya Pradesh is expected to improve by 95 per cent by area and 98 per cent by population by the end of 1988-89.

DOORDARSHAN

Establishment of a full-fledged TV Studio Centre at Bhopal, provision of programme generation facility at Raipur, setting up of high power 10 KW TV transmitters at Jabalpur, Gwalior and 1 KW transmitter at Jagdalpur, replacement of the existing 1 KW TV transmitter at Raipur by a 10 KW TV transmitter and installation of 15 additional low power (100 watt) TV transmitters in Madhya Pradesh are under implementation as part of the Seventh Plan. Besides provision of the Programme Generation Facility at Raipur, eight low power TV transmitters are envisage to be commissioned into service during 1988-89.

Welfare Schemes for tribals in Madhya Pradesh

1201. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that from time to time, a large number of schemes have been formulated and implemented for the economic development and also for the removal of the exploitation of the tribals of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the approximate number of tribals who have benefited therefrom and/or what percentage amongst them have risen above the poverty line; and